

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0013]** The above mentioned object is achieved by means of ~~the characterising features of Claim 1~~ an intermediate polymer layer (15) of high stiffness and higher thickness relative to each of the surrounding layers laminated between the two gas barrier coated carrier layers, such that the inherent stiffness of each of the carrier layers (11, 12) interact with the inherent stiffness as well as the higher thickness of the intermediate polymer layer (15) by a so-called I-beam or sandwich effect in order to provide the required bending stiffness, thus rendering the packaging laminate suitable for packaging of liquid foods and drinks by a high speed. ~~Preferred embodiments of the packaging laminate according to the invention are specified in the dependent claims 2-18.~~

Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0030]** According to another aspect ~~of the invention~~, there is provided a packaging container filled with beverage or liquid food, preferably an aseptic packaging container, produced at least partly from the packaging laminate described herein ~~of the invention~~. ~~This aspect is specified in claim 19.~~

Please replace paragraph [0032] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0032]** According to a further aspect ~~of the invention~~, there is provided a method of manufacturing of the laminated packaging material of the invention. ~~This aspect is covered by the method as set out in any of claims 20-24.~~ One method of manufacturing of a packaging laminate comprises the steps of advancing a first web comprising a first polymer carrier layer coated with a first SiOx gas barrier layer and a second web comprising a second polymer carrier layer coated with a second SiOx gas barrier layer towards each other and towards an extrusion station, laminating the two webs to each other by means of extruding an intermediate polymer layer, optionally together with a binder layer on each side

of the intermediate polymer layer, between the two webs and pressing them together at the extrusion station, extruding a first outside layer comprising a heat-sealable polyolefin onto the outside of the first or second polymer carrier layer at an extrusion station and extruding a second opposite outside layer comprising a heat-sealable polyolefin onto the outside of the other of the second or first polymer carrier layer at an extrusion station.

Another method of manufacturing of a packaging laminate comprises the steps of advancing a first web comprising a first polymer carrier layer coated with a first SiOx gas barrier layer and a second web comprising a second polymer carrier layer coated with a second SiOx gas barrier layer towards each other and towards an extrusion station, laminating the two webs to each other by means of extruding an intermediate polymer layer, optionally together with a binder layer on each side of the intermediate polymer layer, between the two webs and pressing them together at the extrusion station, laminating by application of heat and pressure a premanufactured film comprising at least one layer of a heat-sealable polyolefin to the outside of the first or second polymer carrier layer at a hot roller nip and laminating by application of heat and pressure a premanufactured film comprising at least one layer of a heat-sealable polyolefin to the outside of the other of the second or first polymer carrier layer at a hot roller nip. A further method of manufacturing of a packaging laminate comprises the steps of advancing a first web comprising a first polymer carrier layer coated with a first SiOx gas barrier layer and a second web comprising a second polymer carrier layer coated with a second SiOx gas barrier layer towards each other and towards a hot roller nip, laminating the two webs to an intermediate pre-manufactured web comprising an intermediate polymer layer and, optionally, a binder layer on each side of the intermediate polymer layer, which is advanced between the first and second webs, and applying heat and pressure in the hot roller nip, laminating by application of heat and pressure a premanufactured film comprising at least one layer of a heat-sealable polyolefin to the outside of the first or second polymer carrier layer at a hot roller nip and laminating by application of heat and pressure a

premanufactured film comprising at least one layer of a heat-sealable polyolefin to the  
outside of the other of the second or first polymer carrier layer at a hot roller nip.